

The Green Charter: Energy



- Switch off lights when leaving an office or classroom.
- Change our lights to LED when they are faulty or when an area is getting a full make over, e.g., Michael Davitt lecture room.
- Reduce energy consumption by e.g., boiling right amount of water.
- Power down PC's, printers etc. each evening, at weekends and particularly before academic holidays.
- Use the stairs instead of the lifts.
- Replace, over time, damaged sash box windows on upper floors

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Water



- Monitor usage and reduce water consumption where possible.
- Be aware of the dual flush capabilities of toilets.
- Use FREE filtered water (reverse osmosis) in canteen, area 15, staffroom & nursing foyer instead of buying single use plastic bottled water and drinks.
- Report dripping taps, leaking pipes and broken toilets at reception.
- Install water butts to harvest rain in our Sanctuary and Courtyard gardens.

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Litter and Waste



- If printing or photocopying use two-sided mode and recycle printer toner/ink cartridges.
- Reduce waste by increasing recycling and upcycling e.g., clothing.
- Hold an annual student swap shop day on Campus.
- Compostable cutlery, cups, plates and soup containers now available in the canteen!
- Educate about putting litter in the correct waste bins during Induction and Green weeks.
- Buy and use eco mugs (available from SU) to buy drinks in canteen - availing of discounts.
- Use the 2 Mayo Co Co sponsored cooled water fountains (outside canteen & in Nursing entrance) again to reduce single use plastic bottles
- Organise monthly litter picks.

The Green Charter: Travel



- Walk or cycle whenever possible.
- Avoid driving alone, share the journey, pick someone up.
- Staff members can avail of cycle-to-work scheme.
- Small drying room is available for cyclists and walkers.
- Extra bike rack has been added to Community Garden area, outside St Mary's hall.
- 6 carpooling parking spaces available for staff and students in prime location
- 2 e-car charging points available at front of campus.
- Consider using video-conferencing in lieu of long-distance travel

The Green Charter: Biodiversity



- Maintain the Sanctuary and Courtyard gardens and support planting of species with high biodiversity potential
- Celebrate nature on campus through creative events and exhibits
- Take a walk in our Woodland Trail
- Support ethical farming, shop small and local from companies that value the environment e.g. use zero packaging
- Support the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and establish rewilding areas on Campus
- Support the swift conservation project

The Green Charter: Climate Action



- Continue improvements in energy efficiency towards 2030
- Organize and host events to highlight the need for climate action change fostering citizen engagement and community leadership
- Existing & new course development
 - Certificate in Climate Resilience for Business
 - SPA in the SDG's (applying a global concept locally)
 - Master of Science in Business Sustainability Leadership
 - Master of Science in Outdoor Education, Sustainability & Well-being

The Green Charter: Green Campus Committee Officers



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